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Minutes

Natrona County Parks Board

January 15, 2015

The Natrona County Parks Board met at the Roads, Bridges & Parks Dept office. Members in attendance were Brian Stack, Stuart Hill, Jim Miller, Teresa Corkill, Jennifer Frontiero, Steph Connolly and Roy Buck. Also in attendance were Kelly Eastes, Bob and Jana Price, J.R. Miller, Max Willard, Sgt. John Harlin, Dick O'Hearn and Glenna Nash.

Brian called the meeting to order. Stuart motioned to approve the minutes from November 13th meeting, Teresa seconded, motion carried.

Mountain Update

- RMP adoption – KLJ is willing to bind their final Plan with Kay-Linn's however we wish and present at a Work Session prior to official adoption. Dick will coordinate therewith.
- Beartrap Festival changes – Dick distributed KLJ's concept of the Meadow. Bob and Jana Price have also been working with a consultant to reconfigure the Festival layout. They would like the Festival to become a destination event. Kelly Eastes and Bob gave a brief history of the event which started as a fundraiser for the Parks Dept. The 1st year was a craft fair; bluegrass music was added the 2nd year. Townsquare Media wants to be a good steward to the Meadow, and helped with the reseeding effort in September. Jim said Townsquare should provide trash removal during the Festival. Jana replied that trash collection is included in the fee that they pay to rent the Meadow as is the case when they rent any other facility. In the past, Roads, Bridges and Parks services have been in-kind. Even though R-n-B will no longer set up the stage or general store, Bob will mention in future promotions. Brian thanked them for coming.
- O'Quinn Deed alongside Bridle Trail – Mr. O'Quinn approached County Legal about donating Tract 17, Brookside Mountain Homesites, but instead donated to Rotary. Rotary will in turn, quitclaim deed it to the County. The tract is 0.44 acres, bounded by the E fork of Garden Creek and the Bridle Trail, but is not contiguous with Rotary Park.
- Missy Gresen's projects, mapping, outreach – Missy is working with IT on revising Parks' webpages so as to communicate trail conditions, events, blogposts, etc. Jim wants a hardcopy posted in the kiosks and CMTC for those that do not use our website. Missy suggested a signage plan/study, so we do it right the first time.
- Jim asked that the dog-i-pot dispenser be removed from the Skunk Hollow kiosk. He also asked when the logging contract would be issued, and whether we'd also need a WCC Crew to assist. He asked that Modern Electric address the several lamps that have already burned out on the lighted loop. Lastly, he suggests we inform the public concerning the change in trail grooming prompted by the PB400.

Lakes Update

- Okie Beach Renovations, Ph. 3 – Dick reported receiving two bids for the project. Andreen Hunt was again, the Successful Bidder. Construction will commence later this month and should be complete before Memorial Day.
- Title 28 Grants – Dick received approval to retain a Consultant for the Full-Hookup RV Campground. BOR is already soliciting Title 28 requests for next year. He'll apply for another \$68,000 to help with the construction phase beginning in July.
- Draft MOU with Reclamation – Dick will schedule an upcoming Work Session with BOCC and invite the Parks Board.
- Lakeshore Drive Drainage Improvements – Dick said the project will bid in February with construction taking place throughout the summer.

Other Business

- FlashCAM pricing – A starter pack is \$7,650 which consists of 1 CAM and 2 decoys. Rotary Park would be the likeliest place to install one. Dick will look into a cost-share with Rotary.

Public Comment

- J.R. Miller asked the Board to consider the safety of pedestrians along Lakeshore Drive. Brian said a footpath is recommended in the Master Plan and we intend to move it up on our priority. Dick was denied a TAP grant 2 years ago. The State suggested it'd better qualify for Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funds.

Board Comments

- Teresa encouraged the Board to look elsewhere for an ATV Park since Ponderosa was ruled out by Kay-Linn as having soil types not conducive to motorized recreation. Or, Dick said we could look into gravelling designated trails in Ponderosa Park.
- Sgt. Harlin stated that Eadsville Trail users should also possess a trails pass.

Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for March 12th at 7:00am at the Roads, Bridges & Parks office. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.